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(U) On September 18, Poloff delivered reftel points to Tiina Krevald, MFA Acting Director for International Cooperation, and Veikko Kala, MFA UN Desk Officer, to encourage the Government of Estonia (GOE) to contribute financially to the UN Special Tribunal for Lebanon. On October 2, Kala informed us that it is unlikely the MFA will contribute to the Lebanon Tribunal. The GOE has not completed its budget yet and cannot make financial commitments until this process is completed. Also, Kala noted, Estonia previously contributed to three other international tribunals (for the former Yugoslavia, Rwanda, and Sierra Leone).

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